

Title of Session: Internet Safety / Cyberbullying

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BJB2: Maggi and I have a concern if you have time to listen for a moment?

BJB2: . o O (I know you want to get to your meeting)

BJB2: we've been having a group of kids logging in from a school in [state]

BJB2: they have cursed, been abusive and downright rude

NancyEW: I do not need to get to this meeting

BJB2: we've tried booting and they come right back

NancyEW: The students are on your system? Doing what?

BJB2: being jerks...foul language, rude, annoying

Maggi: being a pain

BJB2: no one under 18 is supposed to be in this part of TI

NancyEW: Hmm, can you figure out what school they are from?

Maggi: like today on my tour

BJB2: we've tracked it down to [name] School in [state]

NancyEW: And have you communicated with [name] School?

BJB2: I sent an email to [name]s School, but I don't think it's the same school

BJB2: I can't find an email account for [name] School

BJB2: we can send snail mail if push comes to shove...

BJB2: but I wanted to ask you...

BJB2: I told them that what they were doing was harassment and that we were going to take the issue to the admin level...

NancyEW: Any response?

BJB2: and pursue it as a law suit if it didn't stop

Maggi: one of them

BJB2: yeah...they all of a sudden had to leave

NancyEW: Amazing the power of "we are going to report you"

BJB2: . o O (they kind of picked a spokesperson to pretend he was a teacher...his IP was Georgia, but his information in his ID was for the [state] school)

Maggi: he was pretending to be a teacher and find out how we were tracing them

BJB2: nods

NancyEW: These kids are sharp

BJB2: that's what we figured.

Maggi: yes, a real shame to waste

NancyEW: Bored kids whose teachers are not engaging them in exciting online activities

BJB2: it's such a waste of intellect.

NancyEW: There appear to be two tracks you could follow

BJB2: I'm kind of surprised the school even has connectivity...no email addresses at all

BJB2: listens

NancyEW: Well, one is to pursue them and find out where they are posting from and report this. I assume you have all of their comments on "tape" so to speak

BJB2: nods

NancyEW: How are you able to trace them?

Maggi: yes

Maggi: login info

NancyEW: What login info

BJB2: use an IP locator...and listen to what they say....one kid slipped and asked another kid if he was from [name of school]

BJB2: oh...single click on one of our names under the HERE tab, Nancy

BJB2: then go to the actions menu and click on login information

NancyEW: OK, got it.

NancyEW: Isn't there a way with the IP address to find the registrant?

NancyEW: BTW, when I went off I did find an [name] School in [state]

BJB2: I think you have to contact the IP for that.

BJB2: Patti can do that

NancyEW: Well, anyway, if you can find the school, you could call them.

NancyEW: Now the other way

NancyEW: Co-opt them Make them the center of attention. Seek to engage them in providing legitimate insight into how the Internet is being used in their school.

NancyEW: Turn it into a teachable moment for your other participants

NancyEW: Invite them to my session

BJB2: sounds like a good idea. We learned that a battle of wits didn't work

BJB2: . o O (so we were trying to bore them to death;-))

NancyEW: Which we easily ought to be able to do

NancyEW: Do they show up at any specific or regular time?

Maggi: yes Nancy

NancyEW: When, where?

Maggi: a few at start of school

Maggi: and the most at lunch

SusanR joined the room.

Maggi: then a few afterschool

SusanR: greetings

Maggi: Hi Susan

NancyEW: Hi Susan, we are discussing a concern of harassing behavior of some students who have discovered TI and are coming online to harass the TI participants

Maggi: they don't like being booted

Maggi: mostly they harass us

NancyEW: This sounds to me like they are using Internet recess at school in an interesting way

SusanR: Can we figure out why

Maggi: that's what I thought

NancyEW: Teens, bored, having fun harassing adults

Maggi: exactly

Maggi: then they try to pretend to be teachers

NancyEW: Setting their technical skills up against the stupid adults (said as one who can rarely find her way from reception to ASO)

NancyEW: How many are involved?

Maggi: one flipped when I pointed out an English teacher would never talk that way and can spell

NancyEW: Of course there are those of us who can't type

NancyEW: Do they come into reception?

Maggi: I sent BJ a list

Maggi: yes only there

SusanR: do they come in as a group

NancyEW: When is lunch for you?

Maggi: I took my tour today to my office and they didn't follow

Maggi: I mean lunch in the U S

Maggi: BJ usually is just going

BJB2: yes, they come in as a group...usually relay each other in twos and threes

NancyEW: Yeah, well "lunch" in the US is different times -- said one who was awakened this morning at 7:00 by an east coast phone call

Maggi: so 11.30-12.30 maybe [state] time

NancyEW: What do you mean "relay each other"

BJB2: like a tag team

SusanR: they feed off each other?

BJB2 nods

BJB2: pretend not to know each other and then say something that contradicts that information

NancyEW: I would like to see this in action. But I am supposing that this will need to wait until after the holidays.

Maggi: I've had to boot a few when their mouths got foul

BJB2: unfortunately booting is not effective

NancyEW: Never is

BJB2: and it's really awful when a legit member is present

NancyEW: Well, this can turn into a teachable moment for a legit member

Maggi: just letting them blabber amongst themselves and they get bored

Maggi: if we could lock them together in a room

NancyEW: How many "adults" are generally in conversation with them

Maggi: us and Jeff sometimes

NancyEW: I have considered that technique with my 3 -- sometimes I threaten dumping them in the river

Maggi: they don't normally talk to others

NancyEW: So what do you think would happen if I showed up?

BJB2: they would try to engage you in conversation

BJB2 . o O (and ask you how old you are)

Maggi: they may hit on you or be quiet

BJB2 . o O (how old r u)

NancyEW: Well I have not been hit on for a while (years ...

BJB2 . o O (r u male or female?)

Maggi: or how u doin

BJB2: grammar and spelling is atrocious!

NancyEW: A/S/L

BJB2: they don't use that

SusanR: you know their lingo

BJB2 . o O (so they're not AOL or IM)

NancyEW: Well, at least you are not running *that* kind of chat

Maggi: although Zeek today corrected a typo I made

BJB2 nods

NancyEW: I would never begin to think that I know all of the lingo, but it helps to know some

Maggi: to "prove" he was a teacher

NancyEW: Is Zeek one of them?

Maggi: yes

Maggi: but he spelled allowed aloud

NancyEW: Sigh

Maggi: but he IS getting better

NancyEW: So are we middle school or high school?

Maggi: he was 6th grade English teacher

Maggi: one told me he was 12

BJB2: middle school, I'm pretty sure

NancyEW: Can you send me some of the transcripts?

Maggi: sure

Maggi: email?

Maggi: brb

NancyEW: Yes

NancyEW: nwillard@csriu.org

NancyEW: Then after the holidays I will come and see for myself.

BJB2: that would be great, Nancy. Thanks!

BJB2: . o O (maybe we'll have gotten rid of them by then.)

NancyEW: It would help if you could really find out which school they are from

BJB2: I know it's [name of school]

BJB2: there is an [name] Middle School

NancyEW: But no e-mail address???

BJB2: nope

NancyEW: Interesting

BJB2: there is an [name]s School

BJB2: but I suspect that it's not the same

BJB2: I listed the principal and all the staff...no reaction from the kids

NancyEW: Is there any way to tell by the IP address?

BJB2: If it gets much more techie, I'm going to have to call in Patti

NancyEW: Let's try this on two paths. I will also try tracking down [name] Middle School. But I would like to see the transcripts also.

NancyEW: But I would like to see these kids in action

NancyEW: And possible engage them

BJB2: maybe they'll all get new video games from Santa and be too busy to log in

NancyEW: They will not have video games at school

NancyEW: This is a problem at the school with lack of direction for the students and lack of appropriate monitoring and supervision

Maggi: . o O (that would be fun to watch)

SusanR: they should be busy with their ipods

NancyEW: There was a post on EdTech last week where the teacher was asking about filtering and games. Seems the filter is blocking access to educational games -- but the kids can get through to inappropriate games. She was trying to figure out how to use the filter better. She didn't get it.

Maggi: maybe if Nancy came on as admin

NancyEW: Bed, I still have an indoor soccer game to go to. I coached my son's team last night and we beat the team that has beat us the last 6 games !!!

Maggi: wow

NancyEW: Do they pick on Admin more than guests?

BJB2 cheers for the winning soccer team

Maggi: don't know

NancyEW: Let's just reconvene after the holidays. But I would like to see the transcripts.

SusanR wonders if Nancy has experienced snow in her neck of the woods..guess not

Maggi: well I leave you to it

SusanR: aha Oregon

NancyEW: Hey I was interviewed for a long time by a reporter from the Philly Inquirer on cyberbullying

Maggi: I'll send them to BJ

NancyEW: It is just wet here. We had 2 snow storms in the city last winter. Sometimes it does not snow at all in town and we have to go to the mountains

Maggi waves bye

BJB2: Nancy, that article was mentioned in the November newsletter

BJB2 . o O (the interview with Joyce)

Maggi hugs BJ goodnight

SusanR: neat discussion..thanks

NancyEW: No, that was Joyce's commentary, This is an article

BJB2 hugs **Maggi**

BJB2: sweet dreams

SusanR left the room.

Maggi: bye Susan

NancyEW: Hey Susan, join us also for the follow-up

NancyEW: Bye all

BJB2: oh, cool...can you send me info on the article?

NancyEW: When it is published

BJB2 waves bye to Nancy. Thanks for your help tonight. We really appreciate it

NancyEW: You are welcome.

NancyEW: Bye